

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 23 of page 4 as follows:

Examples of suitable aminofunctional silanes producing end groups corresponding to structural formula (I) are N-methyl-3-aminopropyltrimethoxysilane, N-methyl-3-aminopropyltriethoxysilane, N-butyl-3-aminopropyltrimethoxysilane. The use of N-phenyl-3-aminopropyltrimethoxysilane is preferred. It is particularly preferable to use the aspartic esters described in EP-A 596360, which are formed through the reaction of aminosilanes corresponding to the general structural formula (II) with maleic or fumaric esters corresponding to formula (III).